

Washington's Love of the Land

The distinguishing characteristic exemplified in Washington's private life is his love of the land. If you read his diary and his Mount Vernon letters, with their full and explicit details of planting and harvesting, their records of experiment for increasing production and improving the quality of the crop, their indications of accurate knowledge and minute interest in the whole world of outdoors, you will feel ashamed to think how little you have done or are doing with your own small piece of land—you would hate to have George Washington come and look at it.

You will be stimulated by reading those agricultural notes of his; you will want to do better work with your own place. And if you do not own a piece of land, reading his life and his letters will make you want to own one; it will give you the healthy interest in the soil, in birds and dogs and horses that perhaps you lack. In his private capacity Washington was a great producer; some measures of his productive energy we should be glad to encourage ourselves and in our sons.

Thinking of the dollar—trading, bargaining, buying and selling—is inseparable from the life of the ordinary American, and it had its part in Washington's life, too; but he did not allow it to usurp the main place, even when he was leading the life of a private citizen. He loved land, he tried to understand it and all that grew and flourished on it, and he tried to make it better and more fruitful.

He would have little patience with the slack farmers of today; he would have still less with those clerks and money changers whose thoughts never reach beyond city streets, and whose dream of achievement is to own a city house and a limousine.

To read the quiet records of Washington's home life should be as invigorating to a thoughtful young man as to read the narratives of his campaigns—and even more useful.—*Youth's Companion.*

Civil Service Examination

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on Saturday March, 27, 1915, an examination will be held at Mount Dora, N. M., as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Mount Dora, N. M., and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interest of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$208 for the last fiscal year.

Age limit, 21 years and over on the date of the examination, with the exception that in a State where women are declared by statute to be of full age for all purposes at 18 years, women 18 years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted.

Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the post-office for which the examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application forms and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at Mount Dora, N. M., or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington at least seven days before the date of the examination, otherwise it may be impracticable to examine the applicants.

United States Civil Service Commission.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

Moral energy grows with the obstacles against which it is measured, and the putting forth of moral energy as the purpose of our lives is the highest exemplification of humanity. When we put forth the highest moral energy, then we touch the stars of life.—Felix Adler

Begin your web, and God will supply you with thread.—Italian Proverb

This church of all the saints is a great power in the world. Every true servant of God must belong with this mighty service of God, must get his strength through it and contribute his strength to it.—Phillips Brooks.

Let not thy peace depend on the tongues of men.—Thomas a Kempis.

CLOUDS WILL PASS.

So long as a clouded life is touched now and again by some clear gleam of sunshine, that may suffice, for it proves that the sun is still shining in the heavens. Once out of the cloud comes the gladness of the perfect day.—Richard Rothe.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Clayton, N. M., February 8, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Thomas J. Gaston, of Clapham, N. M., who, on June 2, 1908, and February 9, 1914, made homestead entries, serial Nos. 67189 and 67188, for ne $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, and se $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 16, Township 22n., Range 32e., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Three Year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Clayton, N. M., on the 24th day of March, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: Guy G. Nefzger, Albert Yake, Chester Yake, all of Clapham, N. M.; John H. Knox, of Holland, N. M.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Clayton, N. M., February 8, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Frederick W. Bushner, of Vance, N. M., who, on September 19, 1911, made homestead entry, serial No. 91397, for Lots 1-2, and s $\frac{1}{4}$ ne $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8, Township 23n., Range 35e., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Clayton, N. M., on the 23rd day of March, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: Robert J. Poole, John E. Long, George P. Jack, James Hastings, all of Vance, N. M.

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Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Clayton, N. M., February 13, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Harry G. Blunt, Guardian of Amelia V. Nefzger, Insane, of West Union, Iowa, who, on March 25, 1908, made homestead entry, serial No. 9672, for se $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 4, Twp. 22n., Range 32e., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Five Year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Probate Judge at West Union, Iowa, and testimony of witnesses before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office at Clayton, N. M., on the 26th day of March, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: John H. Knox and Lewis Baker, of Holland, N. M.; Albert Yake and Chester Yake of Clapham, N. M.

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NOTICE OF CONTEST

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Clayton, N. M., February 15, 1915.

To Jacob Bruin of Mt. Dora, N. M., Contestee: You are hereby notified that George Dick, who gives St. Catharines, Mo., as his post-office address, did on January 7, 1915, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead entry, Serial No. 6794 made May 14th 1908, for se $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 22, Township 21n., Range 32e., N. M. P. Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that Jacob Bruin has wholly abandoned the said tract of land for more than six years last past and next prior to this affidavit of contest and that the entryman has failed to cultivate and improve the said land as required by law and that said defaults still exist and title to the land has not been earned.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken by this office as having been confessed by you, and your said entry will be cancelled thereunder without your further notice to be heard therein, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically meeting and responding to these allegations of contest, or if you fail within that time to file in this office due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail. If this service is made by the delivery of a copy of your answer to the contestant in person, proof of such service must be either the said contestant's written acknowledgment of his receipt of the copy, showing the date of its receipt, or the affidavit of the person by whom the delivery was made stating when and where the copy was delivered; if made by registered mail, proof of such service must consist of the affidavit of the person by whom the copy was mailed stating when and the postoffice to which it was mailed, and this affidavit must be accompanied by the postmaster's receipt for the letter.

You should state in your answer the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.

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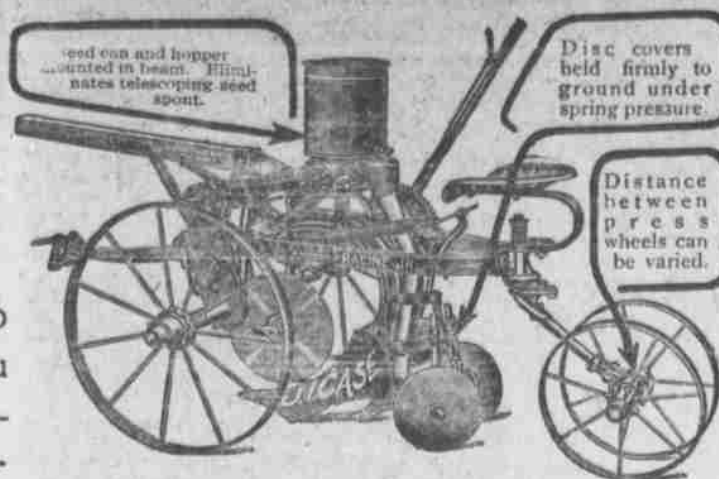
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Clayton, N. M.

Hon Matias Casados, county commissioner, came in the first of the week from his ranch near Gallegos to attend a special meeting of the Board. He reports conditions prosperous in his part of the country.

HORSES FOR SALE.

One span of fancy driving horses; one span combination driving and saddle horses; one single driver. C. A. Brynle, Wheelers, Okla. 8-2t.

O. L. Johnson, another of our Cimarron regulars and one of the best citizens of the county, attended to business at the first of the week. The News for the year.